

## Cutting into SJSU

SJSU absorbs staff layoffs, president projects decrease in enrollment and increase in fees for 2010-11

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Susana Gallardo, a women's studies instructor, said she is concerned for her job.

"I have a 2-year-old daughter, and I need to teach at least two courses to keep my benefits," she said.

Gallardo said she's been worried about her job for the past two years, and she's been busy teaching five classes across several departments.

"I'm spreading myself thin," she said. "I've been moved down from three courses to one course in my home department."

Gallardo said it seems like it's been a hard year for everyone — faculty, staff and students.

The university's budget suffered a \$44 million shortfall in the 2009-10 year, which the university countered with budget reductions, fee increases and furloughs for faculty and staff.

In a March news conference, President Jon Whitmore said he doesn't plan to renew furloughs next year, which covered 43 percent of the budget shortfall.

"We saved that \$18 million by every faculty and staff member essentially taking a 10 percent cut in their salary, so we didn't have to pay that 10 percent and that added up to \$18 million," Whitmore said. "Now, we have to have a permanent solution to that issue, because furloughs were negotiated by the union for one year only."

Whitmore said the 2010-11 shortfall will be covered by decreasing student enrollment from 30,000 to 27,500 students next semester and by reducing the number of faculty and staff necessary to support a larger student body.

"Our overall strategy is if we take fewer students, we'll get by with fewer staff," he said.

He announced in an April 15 news conference that a total of 76 university employees would be laid off from all divisions of the university.

Claire Young, a library assistant who works at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library reference desk, said she was one of the 76 employees who were laid off.

"It was a bit of a shock," she said. "I knew there were going to be cuts, but I didn't think they would affect me directly."

Young said she was sad she lost her job, but has to move on with her life.

"We've been able to get by mostly on what I've made and living with my mother-in-law," she said. "I have to figure out what else I can do to support me and my husband."

Young said she and another library assistant were notified they would be laid off on April 15, only days before she and her husband were going to look for a place to live.

"It's frustrating timing," she said. "I'm not bitter. I'm not angry. I'm frustrated."

Joel Franks, an instructor in Asian-American studies and American studies, said his attention was brought to SJSU's budget when he read about the recent layoffs.

"That's where I came to the reality of the situation," he said. "I'm sure all 76 of them provided a valuable service."

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| LIBRARY |

# King Library to decrease operation hours

**Ben Cadena**  
Staff Writer

King Library Dean Ruth Kifer said the administration is trying to minimize the effect of the budget crisis by cutting hours and staff at the King Library, starting June 1.

“To minimize the effect, we will be opening at 9 a.m. instead of 8 a.m. and closing earlier, at 9 p.m. instead of 10 p.m., Monday through Thursday,” Kifer said. “Students will still be able to stay until midnight.”

Fabiola Valdez, a senior child development major, said the lost hours won’t affect her.

“It might be an inconvenience for some students that need library services,” she said. “But I don’t come in early.”

Jane Light, San Jose public library director, said there will be more shortages felt at the branch libraries, which will go to staggered three-day weeks, being open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for neighborhood pairs.

“This is in accordance with directives by the city manager to cut hours and staff because of budget shortfalls,” she said.

Kifer said the main effect will be cutbacks in staff at reference desks during off-hours.

“This means one staff will service both libraries,” she said.

Light said there will still be e-mail and chat references available online, while Special Collections and Archives will reduce hours.

“For example, the California room will reduce from 28 hours to 20 hours a week,” Kifer said.

Junior psychology major Tim Freeney and senior nursing major Angela Casas said they will be affected by the library cutting hours.

“At times, we arrive early,” Freeney said.

“We’ll have to just wait in the car or hang out somewhere else,” Casas said.

The children’s room will reduce hours, going from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., to 10 a.m. to 6

p.m., and will be open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Kifer said.

“People feel it is a crisis with libraries open only three days a week,” Light said. “This is the first time we have had a 12 percent cut, and students and staff will feel it, but the hours are not reducing that much except in the summertime.”

Utkarsh Sengar, a graduate student in software engineering, said he wanted the library open later — as late as 2 or 3 a.m.

Freshman nursing major Jennifer Yee said she would not be bothered by the changes.

“I come in the middle of the day, so it doesn’t affect me,” she said.

Daphne Yeung, a junior civil engineering major, said she stays at the library from 8 to 12 p.m.

“Later opening is OK with me,” she said. “I understand there were budget cuts.”

Kifer said staff cuts will start the next fiscal year.

“Effective June 1, we will lose 25 FTE (full-time employees) or about 40 people being affected, including student pages, which are paid student positions,” Kifer said.

Light said the lack of available jobs may bring down the spirits of aspiring librarians.

“These are good jobs, but morale is bound to be affected somewhat, since there are fewer librarian jobs throughout the Valley,” she said.

Kifer said about 85 percent of the cost of running the library has to do with staff issues, with the rest borne by building upkeep and air and heating expenses.

“This is the largest library science training college in the country, with students even studying online from abroad,” she said.

Helena Chung, a senior health science major, said the public needs libraries.

“It is unfortunate to the general public, and the students, those hours have to be cut,” Chung said. “Students need this quiet environment to support them with their studies.”

| CAMPUS POLICE |

# Police staff reduced, shifts lengthened

**Eric Van Susteren & Kristen Pearson**  
Staff Writers

Despite troubling economic times, cuts in the CSU budget will not significantly affect public safety at SJSU, University Police Department Chief Peter Decena said.

“My sense is that the impact on the public service that we provide will be pretty minimal,” he said. “Traditionally, we’ve done more with less. I just hope it doesn’t get to the point where we’ll have to do less with less.”

Decena said he is fortunate to have the staff he has.

“Our staff isn’t highly paid, but they’re very committed to the campus,” he said.

Public Information Officer Sgt. John Laws of UPD said 27 officers are working on campus and three patrol positions are vacant.

“There are 16 patrol officers, two library officers, three investigative officers, one administration officer, four commanding officers and the chief of police,” Laws said.

The UPD also employs 50 civilian officers, including dispatchers, Decena said.

Junior business major Peck-suan Seetho said she was surprised by the small number of officers assigned to patrol SJSU.

“It doesn’t make you feel safe,” she said. “It’s a pretty large area to cover.”

Seetho said she often doesn’t feel protected while walking alone on campus at night.

“Honestly, I never see the UPD,” she said. “I think that’s a bad thing because they’re not in reaching distance if you were to call out or scream.”

Laws said four officers are assigned to each shift, but when someone is away at training or sick, the minimum number of officers is two.

“We try not to have only two officers on patrol very often, but I don’t know how often it happens,” he said.

Decena said officers can’t afford to live in San Jose, so they commute.

“Our officers work 12-hour shifts and it kind of wears on them,” he said. “They typically work an extra job to make ends meet.”

Laws said officers work three 12-hour shifts per week and an eight-hour shift once every other week.

“In the end, each officer has



**UPD police officer Tony Lee patrols SJSU on Monday. Lee is one of 16 UPD officers who patrol SJSU’s campus.** THOMAS WEBB / SPARTAN DAILY

80 hours per two weeks,” he said.

Decena said it would be ideal to have a larger staff.

“If we’re expecting the police to solve all our problems, it just isn’t going to happen, even in the best of times,” he said. “I can say if we were to double the number of officers we would have almost no crime on campus.”

Senior biology major Yasef Khen said he would like to see more officers on campus.

“It’s more important that they make their presence known on campus than that they’re well equipped,” he said.

Senior biology major Anthony Nguyen said he thinks it is important that the UPD be well-funded, so it has more presence on campus.

“Maybe we could get cameras on campus, especially in the parking garages, and more patrols on foot instead of just responding to certain incidents,” he said.

Decena said the department doesn’t need an unlimited budget to accomplish its responsibilities.

“When people call 911, that



**Important equipment such as radios need to be maintained to function correctly.** THOMAS WEBB / SPARTAN DAILY

would be when the officer needs to be there — well-trained and appropriately equipped,” he said.

Decena said there were no obvious needs, but the department is finalizing an equipment “wish list.”

“Equipment and vehicles wear down,” he said. “It gets to be daunting at times.”

Laws said UPD would only call SJPD in on an investigation if the resources weren’t available for it or if the investigation was out of its jurisdiction.

“We usually don’t use SJPD when an investigation is within our jurisdiction,” Laws said.

Pat Lopes Harris, the director of media relations for SJSU, said the UPD budget comes from a variety of sources, including the operating fund and the parking fund as well.

“The funding for UPD has remained consistent,” she said. “Steady funding is a challenge. The police department still needs to be careful with their funding. They can’t be as liberal as they once were.”

| STAFF REPORT |

# Budget information gathering fraught with challenges

During the process of collecting information regarding the budget of the various departments, some staff members were less responsive than others.

Stories on departments, such

as art and nursing, were canceled because of lack of information from those departments.

Pat Lopes Harris, director of media relations for SJSU, said it was difficult for her to comment on specific situations in terms

of why reporters were unable to obtain information needed, because she didn’t have enough information to do so.

She said that for her to do that, she needed to know what approach was taken by the reporters as well as what was going on in the department at the time, among other things.

“I don’t think in any situation anyone was trying to keep information from (the reporters),” Harris said.

She said there could be several reasons some of the departments didn’t give the reporters the answers they needed.

She said lack of time could be

one of those reasons.

As for the nursing department, the staff members who were contacted by reporters offered just that explanation — they said they didn’t have time to meet for an interview.

Harris also said answering questions regarding the budget sometimes requires more time, because such answers involve not only numbers, but also explanations.

The director of the art department, John Loomis, sent information a week before, as well as the day before deadline, but it was insufficient to serve as a complete story.



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| HEALTH CENTER |

# Reductions put health center under the knife

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The Student Health Center is preparing to move into a new \$30 million space in three years, according to the center's director.

Roger Elrod said the student fee hike in 2007 was meant to upgrade facilities for the center.

"We have increased some services now because those fees got passed," he said. "But those increased costs are coming out of our regular budget. The fees that got passed were entirely for facili-

ties and not operations."

The center will experience a 12.5 percent drop in its services for students, Elrod said.

"Like most departments, we are being adversely affected by cuts," he said. "We are losing highly valued employees who are dedicated to providing excellent student services. Come July 1, they will be much missed. As a result of these cuts, our capacity and efficiency in serving students will be further eroded."

Brad Cartier, a sophomore mechanical engineering major, said he has used the health center before and said he thinks it's professional, quick

and convenient.

Cartier said he supports the student fees paying for the new health center.

"I think it's a good idea," he said. "I'm all for getting our money's worth, and (the center) will help a lot of people."

Student fees for the health center mainly go toward employees' paychecks, Elrod said.

"If you look at any department, the biggest expense is staff salaries," he said. "We don't pay market-level salaries, so we aren't paying doctors here what doctors outside could get. Eighty, or maybe more like 90 percent of our budget, is salaries and benefits."

According to the 2009-10 Student Health Center budget, the center tallied totals of \$4.06 million in salary expenses and \$3.8 million in facility and operational expenses.

The new health center project will cost the department \$30 million after financing costs, Elrod said.

Adam Gutto, a junior business management major, said he's never been to the current center and is skeptical that a new building on campus is a good idea, considering the current economic climate.

"If more students are using the center, I'd understand," he said. "But if it is underutilized and students aren't aware, then I think it's a bad idea."

To reach out to the students who are paying the increased fee but won't be on campus when the new building is done, Elrod said the center has added new stress-reducing services for students to utilize now.

"We added a 24-hour advice nurse line," he said. "So when we are closed, free to students, you can call an advice nurse and talk about concerns. We added a massage chair upstairs ... relatively low cost ways to provide stress reduction for students."

Senior history major Nalleli Parragil said she has used the physical therapy services offered by the center and said she is impressed with the quality care she received.

"The physical therapist is one of the best I've seen," Parragil said. "Having a bigger place with better equipment will benefit her practice and betterment of the students."

The center's physical therapy department has been affected by the budget crisis, said physical therapist Rachel Vi-mont.

"It gets a little cozy," she said. "But the students still return because of the quality (of service) they receive."

Elrod said the center tries to save students money where they can, such as in the center's pharmacy.

"We want the students to get the best deal possible," he said. "If we think it's going to be less somewhere else for them, we let them know that. We don't always have best sale price compared to Costco or Walgreens."

The center usually deals with students that injure themselves in an activity on or around campus, Elrod said.

"We have a lot of students who play in intramurals, or even skateboarders hitting their elbows," Elrod said. "If there is a fracture, we have physicians who can cast the bones right here on campus. Most of our stuff is free, but for a cast it's only \$20, which is like a co-pay."

Elrod said he hopes that some of the budget for the new center can go toward making medical records more accessible for students.

"If the new center gets the OK to go forward, we are hoping when we move in there in three years we can get a digital (X-ray) machine," he said. "Hopefully, those prices will come down enough, so students can easily take their X-ray films elsewhere because it will be on a chip."

Besides coming in to the center to treat exterior wounds or get casts, stu-

dents also have psychiatry, dermatology and sports medicine services available for them, Elrod said.

Although she is a senior and will not be able to enjoy the new health center, Parragil said she's OK with paying for something she won't be able to use.

"I know I'm allowing future generations to benefit from it," she said.

Elrod said his staff has made an attempt to prepare for staff cuts.

"By not filling positions when staff resigned ... coming up to the layoff, we had saved the salary and benefit costs for four positions," he said.

The center was built in 1958 and Elrod said that, despite added services, the building hasn't changed.

"We are still working out of the exact same square footage for the last 50 years," he said. "... even though the health program has achieved a tenfold increase in services in that time."

Elrod said the center could not come up with the money to increase its amount of space to serve students unless they enacted a hike in student fees.

"There really wasn't ever enough money in the fund to do much about a new facility until the fee increases were started in 2007-08," he said. "The increases will stop in 2011-12 and a new health and counseling facility should be completed by 2013. The same limit is true for the facility fund as for the operating fund."

Student fees could be decreased in the future if the center came up with extra funds, Elrod said.

"If ever more money is collected than is needed ... the following year less or no additional funds will be collect from students," he said. "I put that limit in the health center business plan to ensure we continue to be accountable to students."

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### Have you ever been to the health center?

*E.J. Baluyot*  
*sophomore, recreation major*



I've never been there, but I am aware that I'm paying for the facilities fee. If it's going toward a new building, at least I am paying for something my younger brother may use.

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**Roger Elrod**  
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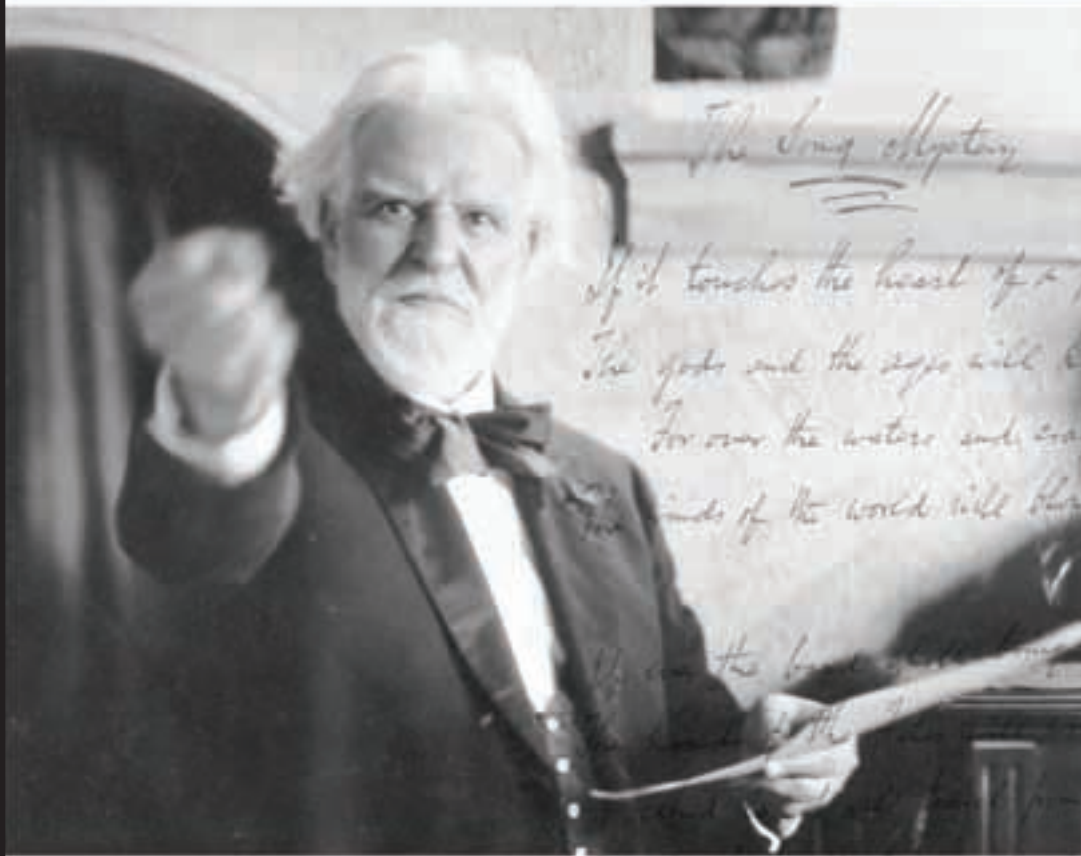
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# Lack of state support causing fee hikes

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The state university fee for full-time undergraduate students increased 32 percent from \$3,048 for 2008-09 to \$4,026 for 2009-10 because of California’s budget issues, according to the SJSU 2009-10 budget report.

The 2009-10 school year is the first year in which student fees provide more revenue to SJSU than California’s state general fund, according to the report.

“I feel like we’re paying more for less education with all of the lack of funding and budget cuts,” said Stephanie Garcia, a junior child development major. “It’s not fair to us students who are trying to get degrees that we are paying more money and sections are being cut and our classes are being furloughed.”

The report said SJSU has seen a 24 percent reduction in state support.

The increase in fees is a result of the CSU Board of Trustees approving a 10 percent fee increase last Spring followed by an additional 20 percent fee increase authorized in Summer 2009, according to the budget report.

The state university fee is SJSU’s largest student fee revenue source, and tuition from non-resident students is the second largest source of student fee revenue, according to the report.

49.7 percent of the 2009-10 CSU operating fund comes from student fees, according to the report.

“Regarding student fees for building or for some other special fee that stays here on campus, then we have a pretty detailed process of bringing that through several checkpoints of people to see if the fee is really needed,” said SJSU President Jon Whitmore. “In most cases, I think it goes out for students to vote on it or to be consulted about it about whether they want the fee or not.”

The report lists the campus mandatory fees, which are the fees that must be paid to apply to, enroll in, or attend SJSU, according to the report.

The health facilities and services fees total \$221. The Institutionally Related Activity fee totals \$198. The document fee totals \$30. The Associated Students fee total \$147. The Student Union fee is \$432. The total campus mandatory fees total \$1,028. This is an 8.9 percent increase from the 2008-09 year, according to the report.

The SJSU bursar’s website states mandatory registration fees and tuition totals are \$1,681 for part-time students and \$2,527 for full-time students.

“I wish there was a way where we can choose what fees we want to pay for, such as student health fees, Associated Student fees and other things because honestly, I never utilize most of the things I pay for each semester,” said junior sociology major Ryan Hodgkins. “It’s all a waste of money for me.”

SJSU’s state appropriations and student fee revenue budgets are based on the CSU enrollment target for SJSU of 23,699 students: 22,460 resident full-time equivalent students and 1,239 non-resident full-time equivalent students, according to the budget report.

Jacob Curtis, controller for Associated Students, wrote in an e-mail that SJSU budget cuts do not directly affect the A.S. He wrote that what does have an impact on them is the enrollment being lowered by the university. The A.S. budget consists primarily of student fees, so when the number of students is decreased, A.S. receives less revenue.

“In relation to fees, the A.S. budget will be negatively affected if student enrollment continues to decrease,” Curtis wrote. “All A.S. areas have managed to function as they would in a normal year because they have done everything possible to run as efficiently as they can.”

Student fees collected with the CSU Operating Fund are projected at \$130,767,848 and miscellaneous revenue is projected to be \$7,135,646, according to the report.

The report states that SJSU’s total CSU Operating Fund base budget for 2009 was \$263,014,966. That is a five-percent decrease from 2008.

The decrease consists of a \$42 million cut to SJSU’s state appropriation and a \$2 million increase in student fees, according to the budget report.

“Now the fees for tuition, if that is what we are talking about, where you pay for your courses then that’s all set at the trustee’s level based on the recommendations that come from the chancellor’s office” Whitmore said.

For the 2009-10 fiscal year, the Student Health Center projects a \$600,000 decline in mandatory health fee revenues because of lower student enrollment, according to the budget report.

However, the report states the mandatory health facility fee fund will continue to see higher revenues because of the increase in the student fees, which are \$10 per semester.

“To hear that the fees will be going up more next semester makes me sad, but it also makes me want to get out of here faster, before things get really bad,” said sophomore business major Tina Nguyen. “It sucks to be a student right now.”

The Campus Fee Advisory Committee at SJSU reviews and approves all Category I, II and III student fee proposals. The committee is composed of student representatives and individuals from each campus division, according to the report.

## BUDGET

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David Martinez, a sophomore computer engineering major, said he thinks it’s terrible that so many people will be laid off.

“I’m glad we are not having furloughs, but sad for those people who are losing their jobs,” he said.

Pat Lopes Harris, director of media relations for SJSU, said there may be a student fee increase of 10 percent next year to help cover the \$18 million shortfall.

“Generally, in May, CSU Board of Trustees examines state university fees,” she said. “SJSU is assuming there will be a fee increase of 10 percent. That is the figure that will work into governor’s budget.”

CSU spokesman Erik Fallis said there is presently no indication the California State University Board of Trustees will execute the increase.

“It would still take a board of trustees action to actually change student fee policy,” Fallis said. “We’re still early in the state budget process. CSU is certainly going to have to examine a lot of decisions but at this point there has been no action from the board of trustees to change fee policies.”

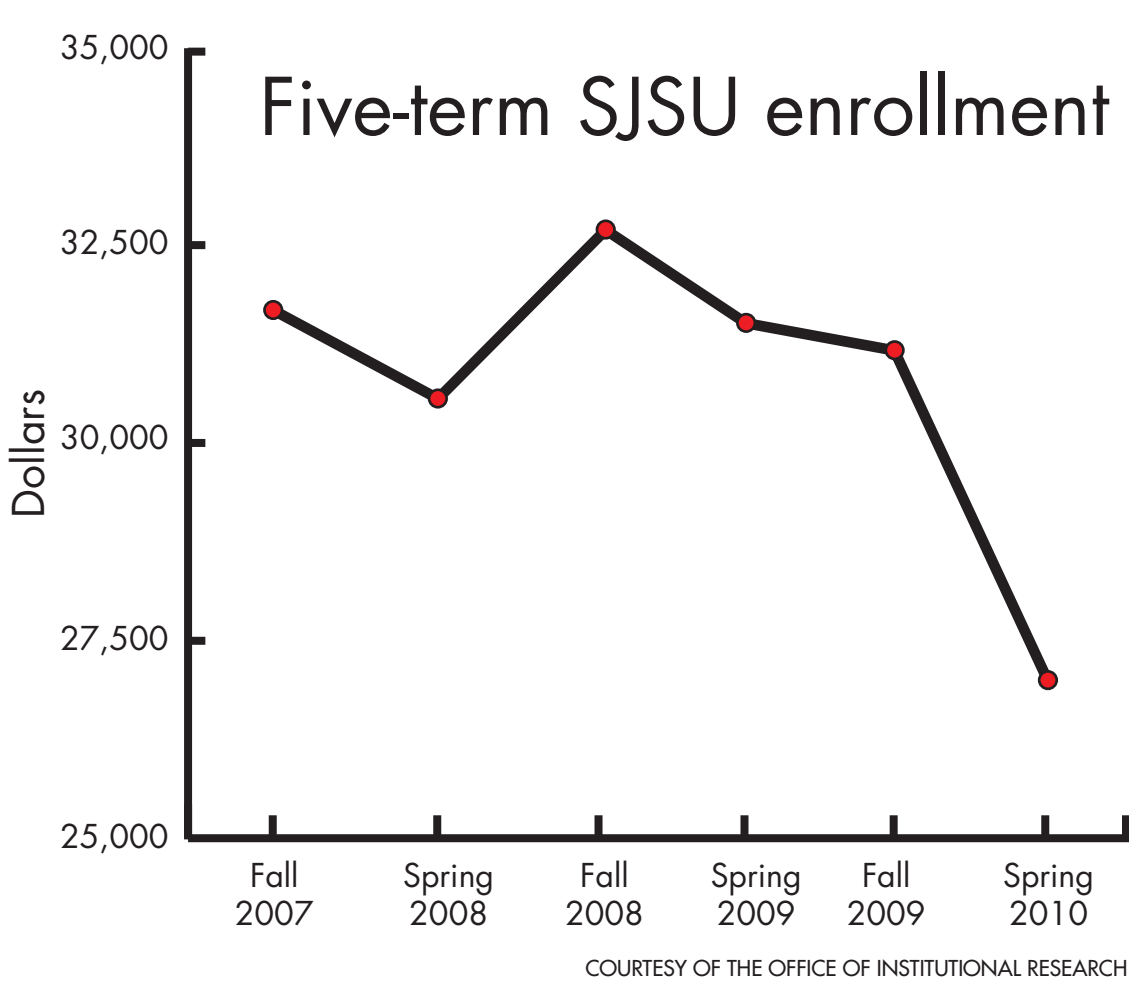
Billy Ray Haynes, a senior political science major, said he didn’t like the idea of a fee increase.

“It’s not going to make me drop out, but it’s annoying,” he said. “Ten percent is a lot, and some people can’t afford it.”

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger proposed to restore \$305 million to the CSU system, according to a Jan. 8 CSU news release.

Franks, who said he’s worried for his job because of his non-permanent status as an instructor, said he was skeptical of the proposal.

“\$305 million might seem like a lot,” he said. “But in today’s



market, if you spend it on relatively frivolous things, it’s not going to make a lot of a difference.”

Kelsey Life, a freshman liberal studies major, said she supported the proposal.

“I think it would be really good — maybe we can get more classes back,” she said. “I haven’t had a hard time getting into classes, but I know of some people who it has happened to.”

According to the Jan. 8 CSU news release, the \$305 million proposal would make up only 48 percent of the \$625 million decrease in state support over the last two years.

Josée Laroche, associate vice president of finance, said it’s highly speculative as to when the university will have a confirmed state budget.

“Planning for 2010-11 is still underway, and it’s going to be a process,” she said. “It has been a process and it’s not going to be completed for all intents and

purposes until we have a 2010-11 state budget.”

Harris said the university won’t rely on the governor’s proposal to be approved.

“There’s no way of knowing for sure when the legislature and governor will finalize the package in any given year, but we do know the next fiscal year will begin on time,” she said. “The planning that’s taking place now, the layoffs, the budget cuts across the university, we need to do in order to take care of ourselves for the next year.”

Laroche said the university uses preliminary planning figures provided by the CSU Chancellor’s office to plan for the next year’s budget, but that budget planning is by its nature uncertain.

“Budget and budget planning and strategic planning are not necessarily sciences — they’re definitely social sciences,” she said. “Things are always chang-

ing. There are assumptions made and those assumptions can change over time.”

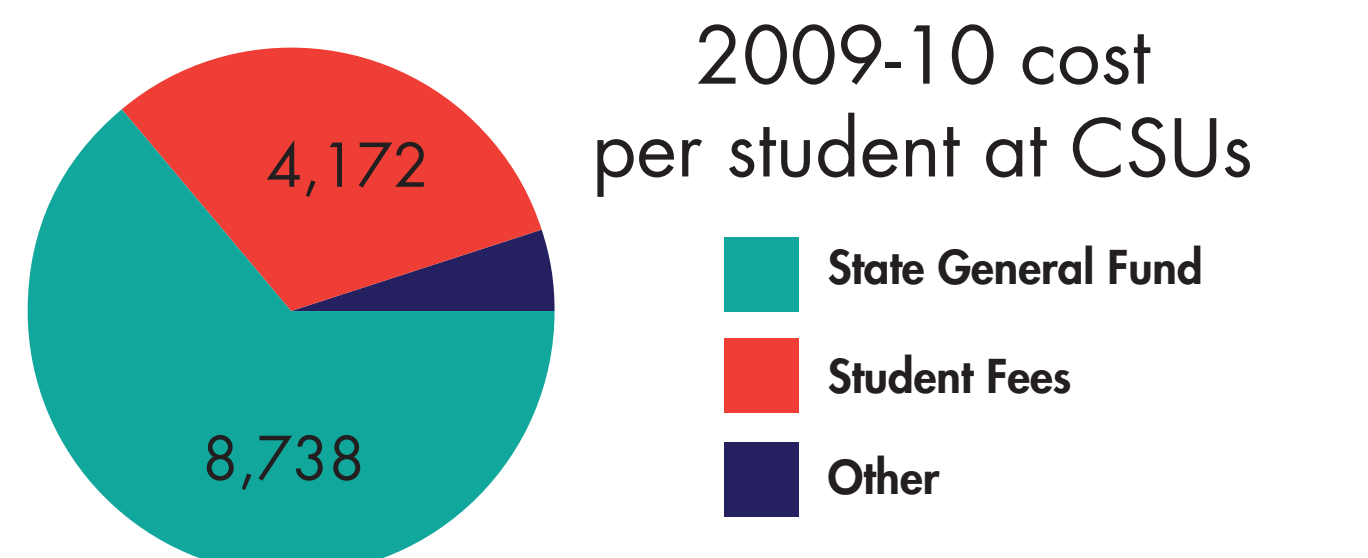
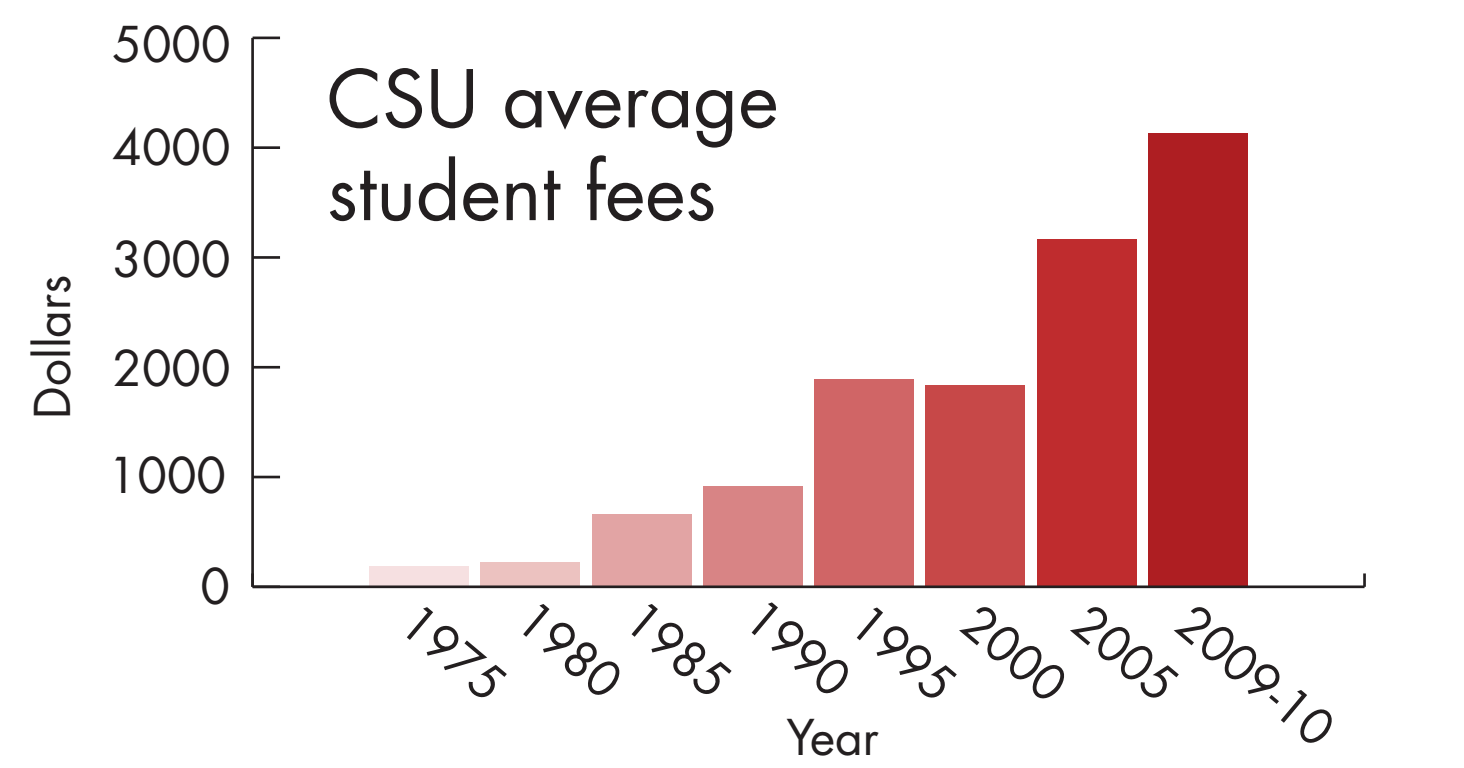
Laroche said she didn’t think any single division of the university needed funding more desperately than the others.

“The university is spread thin to begin with,” she said. “We have to achieve our core competencies and teach our students at the highest level. I can’t identify any particular area that’s more underfunded than the other.”

Each division of the university has a vice president that makes up the president’s cabinet, Laroche said.

Laroche said she advises the president’s cabinet on budget figures and how to allocate funds.

“It’s their job as the exec leads of university to make sure funds are placed where necessary,” she said. “Everyone is under the same general situation, and they all can argue they’re in a worse position than the other.”



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COURTESY OF THE SJSU 2009-10 BUDGET REPORT



| PERFORMING ARTS |

# Budget cuts hit sour note

By **Salman Haqqi,**  
**Kristen Pearson and**  
**Angelo Scrofani**  
*Staff Writers*

Since 2005, funding for the school of music and dance has been reduced by at least five percent every year, said the department's administrative financial analyst.

"The amount of allocations we're getting every year is smaller, but yet we're still handing out this money to the same amount of ensembles," Lucy Yamakawa-Cox said. "Here's a really big problem, because you get less IRA funds, you have the same amount, or more, people asking for IRA funds and then all of these ensembles and things – their needs are high and they're very costly."

Yamakawa-Cox said a considerable amount of the school of music and dance support is heavily reliant upon the Instructional Related Activity (IRA) fee students pay as part of tuition at the start of every semester.

She said SJSU's recent budget shortfalls are directly related to the diminishing amounts of this particular funding resource because of the enrollment restrictions in effect.

Department Chair Edward Harris said 300 music majors and 75 dance majors make up the approximately 375 students who are enrolled in the school of music and dance, which is

roughly half the number of enrolled students relative to previous semesters before the budget cuts.

Sophomore music major Jonathan Rangel said one issue with the budget cuts is that only certain classes are available.

"If you don't get into a class, it will set you back from graduating even further," he said. "A four-year program suddenly turns into a five or six-year program."

With the university putting a halt on those who plan on enrolling in the near future, Yamakawa-Cox said the problem is only going to get worse.

"In the past, we used to get a pretty good sum of IRA money, but more people are applying for it, so the pie has gotten a lot smaller," she said. "So we're working with a very minimal amount of funds that are coming from IRA. After (the school of music and dance) get our allocation, we have to split it between the 23 ensembles, marching band and dance."

Part of the problem, she said, has to do with the cost of maintenance and upkeep of the instruments that are provided to students who major in music with an emphasis in performance.

Trevor Mason Dolce, a sophomore percussion performance major said, many students find the responsibility of maintaining their drum equipment to be quite difficult at times because the necessary tools may not be

available.

"It costs money, so it's not just about the repair," Dolce said. "We need the money to get the equipment to repair it."

Dolce said to replace, or even simply fix, a damaged drumhead requires funding he knows is scarce right now.

"Our director said we don't have a lot of money, so we can't afford to buy new heads that often," Dolce said. "You can't practice — there's just not enough equipment."

Emeline Oliphant, a junior music major with an emphasis in piano performance, said she sees the budget cuts taking their toll on the school of music and dance.

Oliphant said she pays a \$130 applied lesson fee that pays for a semester's worth of hour-long sessions with an instructor who aids in her progression.

"Without lessons I would be lost," Oliphant said. "I would be doing all kinds of things wrong. I might injure myself. I need someone to guide me. For me as a performance major, my instrument is why I'm here and so lessons are very valuable."

Oliphant said she prepares a repertoire of music to play during her weekly lessons, but since the implemented instructor furlough days began last semester, has missed out on at least four or five private practice sessions,



**Freshman music major Johnathan Hsu plays the tuba in the Music building on Monday.** MICHELLE GACHET / SPARTAN DAILY

though her piano teacher does her best to help Oliphant by squeezing her in during office hours to practice.

"The furloughs really affect us because they cut down two or three lessons each semester, and that's huge," she said. "Those two or three lessons could change our playing immensely."

Yamakawa-Cox said she sympathizes greatly with the students in the School of Music and Dance, simply because the funding needed to have the right equipment necessary for them to excel is just not available.

"We're not a private institution," she said. "We're not a conservatory, so we know what type of students that

we get: a lot of transfer students, a lot of local students. And we're not in the business to gouge students. We're in the business to educate students. What we're trying to do is be able to give the students the best education possible with the amount of money we have."

Kristyn Van Cleave, a sophomore music major with an emphasis in piano performance, said she's disappointed with what the budget cuts are doing to the music program.

"It's just sad how few people are music majors now," she said. "For a while we could only recruit from the 408 area code, but they're letting us recruit out of the area now."

# Show must go on despite slashed theater funding

By **Donovan Farnham,**  
**Marlon Maloney and**  
**Amber Simons**  
*Staff Writers*

Furlough days and budget cuts have hindered the productions for the theater department and students' ability to learn, said a theater arts major.

"A lot of the stuff that we do is a lot of hands-on lab work," Melanie Thomas said. "So with faculty not able to be at our disposal, that really cuts down on the availability for us to build our repertoire and to develop our craft even more."

With important permanent faculty positions left vacant or taken over by part-time lecturers, Barnaby Dallas, coordinator of production for the department of television, radio, film and theatre, said the budget cuts have put the theater department in a devastating position.

"We used to have a full-time professor whose job was to teach the classes and do the design, and because of the budget there is no plan to replace either one of them," Dallas said. "They were on faculty early retirement, so even they were only here every other semester."

Dallas said the costume design and light and sound design professors were replaced with

part-time lecturers who work fewer hours.

With less funding expected, Dallas said he doesn't expect these full-time positions to be filled permanently.

"We've been told to expect no more money, possibly less," said Jim Culley, professor in the RTVF department. "But they've told us not a reduction in our staff yet."

If the budget cuts were to go deeper and the university decided to not use part-time lecturers, Dallas said the theater productions would be entirely student run.

He said alumni funding has dried up, taking away \$5,000 to \$15,000, which equated to an entire show being cut from the theater's season and has been replaced with a children's theater program.

Kristen Majetich, a sophomore theater arts major, said she thinks more than just the performances are being hurt by the budget cuts.

"(The budget cuts) limit our availability for training — proper training, because we would like to be on a professional level, not a community theater level," she said.

President Jon Whitmore said he believes the theater department is like any other depart-

ment on campus. He's worked as a professor of theater in colleges across the country over the course of his 36-year teaching career.

"I mean, just like other departments in the university, they're underfunded and have to be creative about how they go about doing their presentations," he said. "But I didn't think costumes and lighting was inferior to normal expectations for a university theater that is funded in a less than ideal way."

Kristen Carder, a senior creative arts major, said budget cuts have caused the theater department to do fewer shows every season.

"Shows have been cut because of the budget," Carder said. "The sets have been a lot more simple and just pulled from what we have instead of purchasing something new, as well as props and costumes."

Jim Culley said funding comes from Instructionally Related Activity fees.

"I get about \$1,000 for the scenery and the props, the costume gets about \$1,000 and the sound and lights get about \$600," he said. "But this budget does not include labor, so I have labor as well. I have staff people and things like that, and I also have materials that I reuse over

and over and over again, so this is just the price for new things that I'm buying for the show."

Culley said he teaches scene design but is constrained by budget limitations.

"I'm unable to do very con-

temporary, modern types of things," he said. "I'm forced to do very, very simple things that are not very challenging."

Culley said the set design funds are limited so they have to be creative with little to no

money.

"When my designers design, I can't say to them, 'Just design what you want to do.' I have to say, 'Oh, no, no, you can't do that because there's no money,'" Culley said.

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## | BUSINESS |

## College taking care of budget business

**Marlon Maloney & Kathryn McCormick**

Staff Writer

Just like any other department at SJSU, the current economic climate has had some negative affects on special sessions in the College of Business.

"The colleges that have the large special sessions, what's known as the special off-site sessions, at the graduate level are engineering, and science to a lesser extent, and ourselves," said the David Steele, dean of the College of Business. "I think engineering is probably the largest one and we're the second largest in terms of external funding that comes through the off-site programs."

The College of Business has a \$15.9 million budget for the 2009-10 academic year, the college's dean said.

Steele said that the college's main source of revenue is the general fund, which is provided by the state.

Steele said revenue from the general fund totals at \$10.8 million and makes up 68 percent of the college's budget.

The college is also funded by the Tower Foundation, which handles donation and endowment distribution for the entire SJSU campus, he said.

The foundation contributes about \$2.2 million to the college's budget and makes up about 14 percent of its total revenue, he said.

Steele said the foundation determines what the annual payout for endowments will be. For this year, the payment will be 3 percent.

"The reason for 3 percent is the market conditions have been pretty bad in the last two years," he said.

Finally, the college generates revenue from its offsite "special session" graduate programs, as well as from non-degree management education Research Foundation.

These programs provide revenue directly to the College of Business, but the

university taxes the gross revenue at 32 percent, Steele said.

The offsite programs revenue makes up about 14 percent of the college's total budget and provides the school with about \$2.2 million, Steele said.

The final four percent of the college's budget consists of money from non-degree management education and SJSU's research foundation, totaling \$636,000.

Steele said the college has seen its budget decrease over the last few years.

"It's decreased from '08 to '09," Steele said. "Not a huge decrease, but there has been a decrease, primarily because donors have been unwilling to make donations or they cut back during this difficult economic climate. So far this year, we're running slightly ahead of last year, but it's still not what it was three years ago, prior to the decline in the stock market and also the economic crisis."

Steele said corporate funding for the college's masters programs has been cut back as a result of the economic downturn.

"As you're probably aware, the largest proportion of our master's students are part time," Steele said. "Most of them get some kind of tuition reimbursement from corporations and several of them have been cutting their tuition reimbursement from say 80 percent down to 50 percent. So obviously, that incremental expense is taken by the student."

Steele said students were doing two things to make up for the lower amount funding from corporations.

"Well one thing to do is to drop out," he said. "The second way, which it seems that most people are doing, is to extend the period of time to your master's degree. Instead of getting it in two years, you get it in 4 years."

In response to its decreased budget, the college has had to reduce its resources, Steele said.

"We've cut classes close to 15 per-

cent," Steele said. "Our full-time equivalent student target in 2008 was 3,200, this year it's 2,949, I believe, and next year we don't have a specific target yet, but I'm expecting it'll be somewhere in the range of 2,750. So it's a pretty dramatic cut in the number of students. But again, this is driven not by me - it's driven by budget considerations."

Jomel Estuybar, a senior business management information systems major, said he's dissatisfied with the declining quality of his SJSU education.

"I've definitely noticed a huge change in terms of education ever since I've been here in 2005," Estuybar said. "There's definitely a lot less classes open and it's a huge drain on students who are trying to get into these classes — it's making us take even longer to graduate."

Steele said the college has had to cut down on its controllable expenses, including international travel and the honors program's annual summer trip.

Looking forward, Steele said it's difficult to determine the college's future budget.

Next semester, faculty and staff members will no longer be taking furlough days, meaning that the \$19 million in revenue that they saved must be made up elsewhere, Steele said.

"If there are no furloughs, just using the university numbers, we're going to have to cover a budget hole of about \$18 million," Steele said.

He said student fees will be increased by another 10 percent to account for about \$6 million in additional revenue.

"We're paying even more for tuition when there are furlough days, which at first seemed kind of good we don't have school, but at the same time we're paying more for less education and I think that's ridiculous," Estuybar said.

Some faculty and staff members will be laid off as well as a reduction in student enrollment to account for the other \$13 million, Steele said.

Steele said that there are the tenured track faculty and part-time faculty.

"Where we have taken all the cuts, so far, have been in the part-time faculty. In the case of faculty, it's the least senior that are the ones who get cut first," he said.

Erin Ogleby, a senior business management information system major,

said she hasn't noticed any change in the quality of her education because of budget cuts yet, but she expects to in the coming years.

"I just heard on the news that laying off 76 faculty members, including professors," Ogleby said. "I think that'll result in less sections being offered and a harder time registering."

**CAMPUSVOICE** BY MARLON MALONEY**How has the College of Business's budget cuts affected the quality of your education?**

*Serpinder Singh  
junior, finance major*



"Getting classes is really hard. I'm an international student, so I need to have 12 units to maintain my status. Last semester I could only get nine units, so I had to go to all the deans of the departments to get just one more class to maintain my status. So instead of being able to focus on my classes I had to run around to all of the departments."

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# Shame on you, stonewallers

Hard numbers for a public institution shouldn't be this hard to get.

The staff of the Spartan Daily has been working on this special edition for five weeks, pounding the pavement and tracking down budget figures to shed some light on the financial crisis we face at this school.

We asked campus officials, department heads and financial planners for solid numbers.

This is public information about public dollars, and we have the right to know where the money is being spent.

Some people were terrific and gave us exactly the information we needed. Others would have gladly helped us if they had any idea what was going on.

Then there were some who flat-out refused to return our calls.

This column is an attempt to hold those people accountable.

Reporter Hannah Keirns was planning to write a story about how the nursing department has been affected by budget cuts. She was told that department Chair Jayne Cohen would be the source she needed.

After weeks of phone calls, messages and e-mails, Cohen never returned the reporter's repeated requests for information. Another representative stated in an e-mail that the department had no time to comment.

Pat Lopes Harris, the director of media relations for the university, warned Keirns that it would be difficult to get Cohen to speak on record, so we had to scrap the story altogether.

I understand busy schedules. But not returning a call in weeks? Not even a single, one-sentence response explaining why?



Suzanne Yada  
Welcome to Suzannistan

In sharp contrast, Harris bent over backward to get us everything we needed. She pointed us in the right direction when we were lost or stonewalled. She worked overtime when the entire Spartan Daily staff was on deadline. She even helped put more pressure on those officials who weren't as cooperative.

It's her job, and she does it well. She understands the public's right to know where our money is spent.

Every single public employee needs to understand the same.

Others who deserve kudos include Glynn Falcon and Seth Bates from the aviation department, who were incredibly helpful and accommodating to our reporters.

Josee Larochelle, the associate vice president of finance, was also helpful in explaining the high-level budget planning she coordinates.

Associated Students Controller Jacob Curtis and Fran Roth, director of Associated Students Child Development Center, were both helpful as well.

But for every instance of help, we met an instance of resistance elsewhere.

The athletic department was very difficult to contact. Reporters left messages and

e-mailed SJSU Athletic Director Tom Bowen for about three weeks before there was any response.

Many officials in the athletic department referred all calls to Lawrence Fan, the sports information director. Problem is, Fan is not the person to talk to about budget numbers. He's the person to talk to about players' stats.

The guy we needed was John Poch, the senior associate athletic director, who has yet to return our calls.

Edward Harris, department chair of the school of music and dance, did not talk to reporter Kristen Pearson after repeated requests, but he very briefly talked to reporter Salman Haqqi.

Even the Bursar's Office, the very office in charge of billing and collecting money, gave us the runaround.

Student Accounts Supervisor Bobbie Jean Seiler told reporter Matt Santolla to speak to her supervisor. That supervisor was Pat Lopes Harris, who had already given us all the information she had.

We also found that many of the departments would have helped us out if they simply knew the information.

Peter Decena, the new chief of University Police Department, was helpful to the extent he could be, but because he was only a few months into the job, he didn't have the specifics we needed.

The same is true of the RTVF department interim Chair Anne Fountain.

I can't write this column without mentioning the guy at the top.

President Jon Whitmore gets

grilled by the student media in a monthly news conference.

Not every CSU president holds these conferences, so he and his staff should at least get credit for trying to answer our questions to the best of their knowledge.

But quite simply, he just doesn't know all the details.

That's why it was down to us to approach the departments and sectors ourselves.

It may sound like a bunch of journalism students pestering officials to fulfill our assignments. After all, this is a class, and these stories you read in the Spartan Daily are our homework.

But there's a bigger reason we're "pestering" officials. As tuition-paying students and tax-paying citizens, we all deserve the right to know if SJSU is not being a responsible steward of our money.

We need our SJSU officials to work with us, not against us.

This is not meant to be a tar-and-feather session. This is not a witch hunt. Rather, this is a call to action.

The university should take this opportunity to organize themselves around public information, especially regarding the numbers that affect all of us on campus.

If you are an official with 10 unanswered voice mails from a Spartan Daily reporter, please call us back. We understand things can get busy, but we deserve to know the whole picture.

It's not just us. It's the public's right to know, too.

This is a special appearance of "Welcome to Suzannistan." Suzanne Yada is the Spartan Daily online editor.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Has the journalism department considered making Spartan Daily online only?

This would save SJSU a little bit of money, in the time of challenging fee increases and layoffs, and would only "modernize" the journalism department.

I enjoy reading the morning paper, but I would be willing to read online, saving a few trees and a few funds. What do you think? Thanks.

Lindsey Young

### This letter is in response to the news story 'Downtown San Jose eats for cheap,' which appeared on March 24.

As a student at SJSU, it is very difficult to be paying for tuition, books and expenses.

I have always looked for cheap, alternative places to eat, but sometimes, it's hard to look around for places when you don't really know the area too well.

This article is perfect for SJSU students who are new to the campus and want a cheap alternative to eat at delicious low price goods.

Paul Han

### This letter is in response to the news story 'Every 15 minutes raises DUI awareness for SJSU students,' which appeared on Tuesday.

I just wanted to thank you for your coverage of the Every 15 Minutes drunk driving program, hosted by the fraternity and sorority community. This program was record breaking, in that the SJSU fraternity and sorority community is the first ever to get permission to

use this program on a college or university campus. My only complaint is that the program was attended by about 1,000 students, not 100. Thank you for your support of our community!

Sarah Lewis

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AVIATION |

# Aviation dept. takes flight despite turbulent economy

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The SJSU aviation department has made some strategic maneuvers to rise above the budget crisis that haunts all departments on campus.

Seth Bates, department chair for technology and aviation, said careful planning and consideration is necessary for the success of the department to make graduation as easy as possible for students.

“All of the departments on campus have done a lot of planning to try and prepare for operating on a tighter budget,” Bates said. “It’s been difficult. We haven’t been able to have quite as much flexibility as we used to have.”

He said each department has to make sure it lets people graduate .

“I think all the departments are looking carefully at each student on a case-by-case basis to make sure we help them graduate when it’s time,” Bates said. “We’ve been affected pretty much like most departments across campus, where we haven’t been able to schedule quite as many classes as we might like, but we’re meeting all of our student’s needs.”

He said the department has worked hard to do its job well and to do it efficiently with minimal resources.

Bates said some courses the department would normally offer each semester are now being offered once a year.

“I don’t think it’s impacting the students very much, so long as we have enough seats in the classes,” Bates said.

In a worst-case scenario, the aviation department wouldn’t be able to offer as many general-education courses and students would be put in more of a bind, he said.

Carly Smith, a senior aviation and operations major, said the only way she’s seen cuts in the department is in introductory classes, because the department was lacking in funds before the budget crisis.

"We don't see money coming in at all," Smith said. "The only improvement we've seen in a long time was the flight simulator. But overall, there has been a lot of improvement since Bates came. He's done a very good job supporting our department."

Bates said the simulator costs about \$75,000 and he doesn't anticipate that it will need maintenance any time in the near future because it arrived in August 2009.

**Aviation**

Though the non-enrollment in the 2010 spring semester was a disadvantage to the department because there were fewer students admitted to the program, the students within the aviation department continue to thrive, director of aviation Glynn Falcon said.

"The aviation students are a fairly close-knit group of students," he said. "They are involved not only in aviation, but in everything on campus. Many of them are athletes. Many of them are in the military or ROTC, so there's not much that goes on here at San Jose State that they don't have some participation in."

Normally, the department would have had an influx of either transfer students from junior colleges or new admissions, but because of the non-enrollment this spring, Falcon said he noticed a change in the enrollment of the entry-level classes.

"I've heard different rumors about whether they're having a spring enrollment or not," he said. "Generally, the more students you have, the more funding you receive, but ours has stayed pretty steady over the years, both from my understanding of the funding and student numbers."

Chris Garner, a senior aviation and operations major, said the department was hurting prior to the budget cuts in the 2009-10 year.

"We didn't really have a budget to cut," Garner said. "The department took a toll even before the budget crisis. We need support just like everybody else."

The aviation department also has some of the latest technology offered throughout the entire West Coast, and is the oldest and larg-



One of several airplanes that is stored at the Aviation department’s off-campus location near the San Jose International Airport on Coleman Avenue, which is equipped with flight simulators, workshops and an airplane hanger. BRIANA CALDERON / SPARTAN DAILY

est provider of industrial technology and aviation studies, according to the aviation department's website.

“The flight simulator brought the latest technology and perhaps the most advanced technology into our department,” he said. “We can offer full-motion flight simulation using the latest avionics — they call it a G1000 avionics panel. It also shows a commitment from the College of Engineering and the university to support the program and allow it to grow in tough economic times.”

Senior aviation major Kevin Peterson said he thinks that GPS is the direction aviation technology is going.

"With general aviation, small planes and commercial, planes and radar stations have GPS and it tracks the planes," he said. "The GPS talks to each other."

Falcon said aviation technology is steering toward the use of satellite navigation systems, which will be the Federal Aviation Agency's next generation of traffic control.

He said the new technology would allow a pilot to set his own course and altitude and provide satellite data links for weather information, terrain awareness and other traffic information.

He said it looks like it will be a fantastic system, but it may not come fully online until 2020.

"We need to double the amount of aircraft that we can get up in the sky at any one time," Falcon said. "And to do that with the existing number of controllers, they use new technology, and GPS is where it is going to be."

He said the department is growing despite the budget cuts, and it has the funding to get better equipment.

"This year, there is going to be a surplus sale of aviation equipment and airplanes that we are not using and don't intend to use when we move back onto campus or over to the satellite campus over at Reid-Hillview," Falcon said. "That will generate tens of thousands, if not more, in funds that can be used on a discretionary basis. We are selling old equipment to fund new state-of-the-art equipment for students to get the best education possible."

He said some newer classroom technologies will be installed over

the summer for the primary classroom including computer stations for flight simulations at each of the student's desks, better LCD projectors and sound systems.

"We already have permission to get a second simulator, so that will be one thing, and an avionics lab is going to be installed," Falcon said.

He said there are plans to move the original simulator to the Industrial Studies building, where students can observe how the simulator works, which will hopefully stimulate the interest of other students on campus.

**New Location**

The aviation department will be changing locations, as it is coming to the end of a 50-year lease with Mineta San Jose International Airport, Falcon said.

"We're done with Mineta Airport, so from what I know, the move to Reid-Hillview is most likely going to happen," Kevin Peterson said. "If it doesn't happen, we are going to be tight for space and labs."

Peterson explained that two of the simulators were already brought onto the campus and that the written agreement for the new aviation department location were in the final works.

In a news release by the Silicon Valley Business Journal, Carl Honaker, director of the county airports, stated that SJSU was looking to construct a 12,000-square-foot building at the 190-acre Reid-Hillview Airport.

Honaker stated in the news release that the current SJSU aviation building, located at Coleman Avenue and Airport Boulevard, takes up 45,000 square feet but that the current aviation program only requires 6,000 square feet, a considerably smaller amount.

Bates said it is important that the program have an off-site lab, where students can work on aircraft, simulators and real engines, because the sound of a jet engine would not be pleasant to hear throughout the SJSU campus.

There are plans to hold a gathering of alumni next month to celebrate the end of the 50 year lease, Bates said.

ENGINEERING |

# Outside sources help give the gift of education to engineering students

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The College of Engineering has dealt with the budget cuts by generating resources, alumni gifts, corporation gifts, revenues from off-campus degree programs, according to Belle Wei, dean of the College of Engineering.

Molly Crowe, Human Resource Specialist for the College of Engineering, said this academic year, one-third of the college's revenue comes from funds other than the state general fund.

“This year, we had a total revenue of \$19.5 million,” Crowe said. “Two-thirds comes from the state general fund and one-third from gifts, grants, and off-campus degree programs.”

She said the state general fund is used to fund instructions and other revenue is earmarked for specific purposes.

Wei said there is a strategic planning process to identify priorities for the college when considering endowments.

“We are spending resources to strengthen the student success center, giving faculty support and developing new programs like the Green Engineering and Bioengineering, which were made possibly by alumni gifts,” Wei said.

Crowe said some of the funds that are not from the state go toward operating the Engineering Student Success Center, which she said provides many types of programs and resources to help the student develop academically, professionally and personally.

“Our success center is funded by gifts to provide student support and activities that other colleges can’t, because we’ve gotten various gifts from alumni,” said faculty member Patricia Backer.

Backer said the student success center is important because it contains workshops and professional advisers, which aren’t available to other colleges that don’t have external gifts.

“Helping engineering students in their studies and their career development, that’s an integral part of it,” Wei said.

Crowe said each faculty member was given \$1,500 to hire student assistants in a program intended to help students as they face a 30 percent tuition increase this academic year.

“Many students faced financial difficulties, including international students, who are not allowed to work outside the campus,” Crowe said. “They expressed their distress to us and we initiated this program as a means to offer these students the opportunity to work and offset their financial burden.”

Wei said the donations strengthen the programs and the college and give students a higher level of achievement.

“With that we have to run our operations more efficiently because of the state budget,” Wei said.

It is critical that the labs keep up with current technology, since SJSU is located in the middle of Silicon Valley, Crowe said.

Wei said the college is constantly developing new programs, such as the green engineering minor degree program, because it is important for the students to have those cutting-edge programs that can prepare them for the future.

Omid Kordestani, the Google Inc. senior vice president of global sales and business development, is one of the donors for the engineering department, according to Wei.

“Mr. Omid established an endowment, which was used to support hire more professors and develop more programs, which would not have been possible without him,” Wei said.

Wei said Charles W. Davidson’s donation of \$15 million was used to start the student success center.

She said some of the funding used to hire professors and advisers to teach engineering programs come from alumni gifts.

In addition to the alumni gifts are endowments from corpora-

tions, Wei said.

Ahmed Hambaba, associate dean of Graduate & Extended Studies for the College of Engineering, said the software changes very quickly and education requires more hands-on participation.

Crowe said that this year, whatever funding is left over is used to fix classrooms, buy new equipment, and to support facilities, such as laboratories.

Wei said the off-campus degree programs are master-level programs in which students pay extra for attending at company sites that they use to learn competitive and cutting-edge.

Companies such as Applied Materials, Lockheed Martin and IBM participate in the off-campus degree programs, Hambaba said.

Wei said the university has a mechanism of taking those fees and distributing on various units.

“It pays for the facility and faculty of the program,” he said. “That’s why the fees are higher.”

Wei said that as a result of the budget cuts, vacant staff positions in the dean’s office are not filled.

She said the dean’s office cut three positions from a staff of eight.

Crowe said that if the budget cuts continue, the College of Engineering will have to make more cuts.

“We are going to have the same effect as everybody else,” Crowe said. “We will have to cut classes and higher fewer temporary faculty members, and do more work.”

Hambaba said there are fewer class sections and larger classes. Master’s student Durga Dhadibridhi said furlough days have affected him more than anything.

“I was able to get into the classes I needed,” Dhadibridhi said. “I just wish we had more available time in classes and with professors.”



